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DATA MODULE MANUAL

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Please find attached the results of a trial run for the Data Module Manual using the processor SCAN<sup>1)</sup>. Although far from complete it is being circulated on a limited basis, since it gives some idea of what is possible, and the different quantities of information which people have decided to insert.

You are reminded that the initial objective in February 1977 was to construct some form of manual which served as a common overview of the data module scene, and gave references to further detailed documentation where necessary. No particular data module description should therefore take more than two pages. Thus at one extreme, we should have a description of a very simple module which may be sufficient to operate it - and at the other extreme we may expect a brief overview of a complicated module with appropriate further references.

Some guideline suggestions<sup>2)</sup> have been published, but the module owner is the natural person to decide which information is relevant and useful for his module.

It is hoped to construct a proper manual in November, and it would be appreciated if module supporters could give some thought and effort to this topic before then. Otherwise there will be further delays.

Whilst updating their files with %% comments, the maintenance level documentation (%%%) should not be forgotten.

G. Jennings

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References

1. SCAN - A program for Documentation Extraction, S.J. Mellor, SPS/AOP/Int.Note/77-4.
2. Memorandum to Data Module Owners, G. Jennings, 15.2.1978.

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